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Project Launched to Microfilm LC Holdings of City Directories

The Library of Congress and Research Publications, Inc. (RPI), of Woodbridge, Conn., have embarked on a joint venture to microfilm a sizable portion of the Library's retrospective collection of United States city directories. The directories, which collectively contain the names and addresses of millions of individuals and businesses in the nation's urban areas, are an indispensable resource for genealogists, historians, and other students of urban populations. The collection, numbering several thousand volumes and listing the inhabitants of cities as diverse as Boston, Mass., and Vicksburg, Miss., is among the most frequently consulted of all the Library's holdings and, as might be expected, is showing signs of heavy usage as well as old age. Many of these volumes have torn and missing pages, pages loose from their bindings, and paper so embrittled they cannot be served to readers.

RPI has already assembled and filmed the city directories of some 220 communities for the period up to 1861 and 72 selected cities for the period 1861-1901. The present project will start with RPI's filming in its Connecticut laboratories the 1901-05 holdings of 10 major cities selected by the Library and then all U.S. city directories for years through 1905 which are held by the Library and are not included in the RPI *City Directories* micropublication. In the second phase, directories selected by the Library and RPI for preservation purposes and market interest will be filmed for the period 1906-1938, after obtaining necessary copyright clearances.

The directories will be filmed according to Library of Congress specifications for the filming of books and pamphlets, and the Library will receive one positive microfilm copy of the complete collection produced as a result of this project. Approximately 250 reels will be produced annually, with shipments of completed reels made to the Library quarterly. Requests for incomplete reels urgently needed by readers at the Library will be honored in special cases only.

The Collections Development Office is coordinating the city

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directories project for the Library with the active assistance and cooperation of the Preservation Microfilming Office, the Photoduplication Service, and the Collections Management and General Reading Rooms Divisions. Milton Mandel, president of RPI, has said, "We are pleased to be able to work with the Library of Congress on this project. It is a most worthwhile scholarly and preservation effort and should benefit the entire library community, as well as the direct particpants."

For further information about the project, please direct inquiries to the Library of Congress, William J. Sittig, Collections Development Office, Washington, D.C. 20540, tel. (202) 287-7050, or Susan Severtson, Research Publications, Inc., 12 Lunar Dr., Woodbridge, Conn., 06525, tel. (203) 397-2600.

Coutumes of France Exhibited

A display of the coutumes of France is now on view in the Law Library Reading Room, located in the Madison Building (LM 242). Coutumes, originally local laws that grew out of daily life and custom, are a source of modern French law. Historians find in them a rich source of information about French customs in the Middle Ages.

The coutumes exhibited from the collection of the European Law Division date back as early as the 15th century. Among them is the manuscript *Coustumes de Normandie* (1450-70) with its exquisite miniatures in vivid colors, one of the Library's most beautiful treasures. Another is *Le Grand Coustumier de Normandie* (ca. 1483), the earliest known coutume in print. The coutumes of Normandy had a significant role in the development of the laws of England, Canada, and the State of Louisiana through their influence on the Code Napoléon of France. The most important French coutume, *Les Coustumes Generalles de la prevoste et vicomte de Paris* (1513), and the original and official text of the Code Napoléon (1807) are also on display, as well as three 19th-century maps from the Geography and Map Division.

The display will continue for an indefinite period of time.

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Comparable institutions and organizations in other countries may arrange to receive the *Bulletin* on the exchange basis by applying in writing to the Library's Exchange and Gift Division. All other correspondence should be addressed to the LC *Information Bulletin*, Information Office, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540.

Manual for Manuscript Items Planned to Supplement AACR 2

The Library of Congress is developing a manual to supplement chapter 4 of the second edition of the *Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules* (AACR 2), which describes procedures for cataloging manuscripts. Chapter 4, which emphasizes both generally and in its examples a library-oriented approach to cataloging, does not address many of the needs of modern archives and manuscript repositories in the cataloging of their collections.

The first draft of the manual to supplement chapter 4 is being written by staff members in the Library's Manuscript Division and the Manuscripts Section of the Descriptive Cataloging Division, which compiles the *National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections*. Advice and comment from experienced persons and professional organizations are being coordinated through the Joint Committee on Specialized Cataloging of the Council of National Library and Information Associations, which has also obtained a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to enable a committee to meet in Washington, D.C., to prepare a final version of the manual. The Library hopes to have the first draft available for distribution sometime this summer. The revision committee will probably meet in December.

The cataloging of manuscript and archival materials is in many respects fundamentally different from the cataloging of books and other printed items. Cataloging rules that fail to reflect this difference will not adequately serve the needs of either manuscript repositories or their research clientele. For example, unlike book processing in which the catalog record is the primary form of access to the material, manuscript catalogs are often only one part of an institution's total array of finding aids, which might also include descriptive registers, indexes, shelf and container lists, or series descriptions. Therefore, the catalog record is as much a form of access to the other finding aids as it is to the material itself.

In addition, book cataloging is based on transcribing data on author, title, edition, publication, and so

forth, from the published item into the format of a catalog record. Manuscript and archival materials, on the other hand, being essentially unique and unpublished, lack this sort of explicit identifying publication information. As a result, cataloging and the extraction of cataloging information is an entirely different sort of process. The definitions of sources of information, statements of responsibility, title, and other cataloging data need to be revised to reflect the fact that this information does not usually exist in manuscripts in a form that lends itself to easy or literal transcription.

Moreover, since most manuscript repositories today are struggling to control their holdings of relatively large collections of personal papers and corporate archives (which usually form the bulk of their collections), most of the cataloging is being done at a collection level rather than on an item-by-item basis. Even if the latter approach could be justified in terms of usefulness, the realities of cataloging hundreds of thousands or even millions of items this way are simply too overwhelming for serious consideration. Beyond this, it should also be recognized that the individual item within a larger collection of papers only rarely has any significant importance beyond its context within the collective whole. This fact, plus the physical limitations of single-item cataloging, makes it clear that cataloging of manuscript and archival materials becomes more meaningful when it primarily addresses the entire collection rather than its individual components.

The supplementary rules in the planned manual will represent an attempt to integrate these and other principles into the framework of AACR 2 and will apply to all forms of manuscript material, including personal papers, corporate and governmental archives, and specially constituted collections, as well as individual letters, diaries, journals, account books, literary manuscripts, and other papers that may lack a collective context for cataloging purposes. They will not specifically address the problems of cataloging ancient, medieval, Renaissance, or Oriental manuscripts and codices, which present special cataloging difficulties of a different nature.

Anyone wishing to contribute to this project or to receive a draft of the manual for review and comment should write or call the Library of Congress, Manuscript Division, Steven L. Hensen, Senior Manuscript Cataloger, Washington, D.C. 20540, tel. (202) 287-5389.

Library of Congress Implements New Cataloging Priorities

The Library of Congress has completed a review of its internal system for assigning priorities to newly acquired monographs, serials, and microforms. A new scheme has been developed and implementation is under way. It should be noted that separate guidelines will be issued for nonbook materials.

The new set of priorities puts primary emphasis on the content of or the need for a particular work rather than on its source or on the Library's internal procedural or processing requirements. Priorities will continue to be assigned by the Library's selection officers.

Research value is one of the basic and underlying concepts of the new priorities. It is a broad term, however, and no two individuals will ever evaluate the same material quite the same way. Nevertheless, for the present purpose, the Library defines a publication of research value as "one which presents new information, interprets a field in the context of current concepts, presents the point of view of prominent or influential practitioners of a discipline, or organizes existing literature in a field into coherent bibliographies. In sum, a publication of research value in the humanities, social sciences, or natural and physical sciences is one which might be consulted by any current specialist in a field or by a historian of that field."

In examining the new priority scheme, certain premises and assumptions need to be made. First, items in English will be ranked higher than material of comparable need or research value in other languages. Second, certain publications needed for photoduplication requests, for examination by Library staff, and for special bibliographical projects such as the *Handbook of Latin American Studies* will be made available within the Library immediately following preliminary control, but before final cataloging. Under the previous arrangement, such materials become available to Library of Congress staff only after final cataloging.

Once the new priority assignment procedures have been operational for a reasonable time (for example, one year), the Library will provide specific figures on how long items in each priority category take to go through the series of required processing steps. Whatever adjustments are necessary to insure the adequacy of the system will be applied.

The following statement lists the Library's new cataloging priorities and provides explanatory material detailing the criteria used in applying them. Wherever appropriate, serials and microforms are included on the same basis as monographs.

I. Library of Congress Cataloging Priorities

List of Priorities

(1) Materials needed by Members of Congress or their staffs, by

agency heads or higher officers of the Executive Branch, by Supreme Court Justices, or by division chiefs or higher officers of the Library of Congress

CIP materials, including both pre- and post-publication items

(2) High-need and/or research value English-language material

Titles for reference assignment (all languages) or interlibrary loan (unless scheduled for minimal cataloging)

First number or volume of a new numbered monographic series or multivolume monograph (all languages)

All currently acquired materials destined for Rare Book and Special Collections Division valued at $500 or more

Cards for revised reprinting

(3) High-need and/or research value non-English-language material

Medium-need and/or research value English-language material

Add-to cards and additions and corrections

(4) Medium-need and/or research value non-English-language material

Low-need and/or research value English-language material

Materials currently purchased for the Rare Book and Special Collections Division as well as selected titles from gift or exchange collections

(5) Low-need and/or research value non-English-language material

II. Guidelines for the Assignment of Cataloging Priorities

In assigning cataloging priorities, especially at the Priority 2 level, the following elements or combinations of elements should be weighed:

Pertinence to research of the subject matter

Seriousness of treatment

Currency of information

Content of the publications as evidenced by the table of contents

Bibliographic apparatus: footnotes, bibliographies, indexes, etc.

Importance of the personal or corporate author (when known)

Reputation of the publisher

Appraisal of the publication, based on the expertise and professional knowledge of the individuals assigning the priorities

These guidelines have to meet a great variety of different and often contradictory needs and are, of necessity, a compromise in responding to an exceedingly complex problem.

High Need/Research Value

U.S. Federal, or foreign central government documents, selected for research value, including all U.S. Congressional publications

U.S. Federal, state, and local materials (as selected), which are primary sources and their search tools (government and privately printed), including microform editions, such as official gazettes and U.S. Federal agency decisions which are substituted for ink-print or hard copy; search tools include encyclopedias, digests, indexes, citators, and looseleaf services (most of which have reference assignment)

Foreign government national and major subdivisions (states, provinces, etc.) legal materials (as selected) which are primary sources and their search tools (government and privately printed), including microform editions; search tools include manuals, guides, digests, indexes, and citators.

Quality trade publications, unless included in the CIP program

Substantial publications of learned institutions

Dictionaries: English or English-foreign language and foreign language-English

Music collected editions

Guides to national library collections

Rare materials costing $500 or more, selected for Rare Book and Special Collections Division or custodial units

Substantial works of current interest in the following categories not selected for reference assignment (in case of foreign publications, preferably those relating to the country of origin as a whole):

- Yearbooks
- Directories
- Gazetteers
- Statistical compendia
- Indexes/Abstracts
- Biographies
- Bibliographies
- Demographic compendia

Current national budgets, annual reports of ministries, national departments, research centers

Proceedings, papers, etc., of learned conferences, symposia, etc.

Looseleaf legal publications and periodicals (Class K1-33)

Major works in the humanities, social sciences, and the physical, natural, and behavioral sciences

Medium Need/Research Value

U.S. state documents (except law) selected for research value and generally dealing with subjects of national interest

Publications of foreign regional governmental bodies (except law) selected for research value and generally dealing with subjects of national interest

Substantial publications of national and international organizations

Encyclopedias, almanacs, yearbooks, indexes, bibliographies, directories, biographies, and other works of general reference not selected for reference assignment or assigned a higher priority

Facsimile editions containing new introductory material

Rare materials costing less than $500, or rare materials selected for cataloging from gift collections or copyright deposit

Dictionaries (foreign language only)

Substantial travel guides

Genealogies

STAFF NEWS

Seventy-Seven Staff Members Recognized in Special Ceremony

The Semiannual Awards Ceremony was held in the Coolidge Auditorium on May 14. The special achievements of 77 present and former staff members were recognized during the ceremony. Director of personnel and labor relations Louis Mortimer said of the honorees, "The Library owes them a debt of gratitude for their significant contributions toward the improvement of the Library's many and varied services."

The program opened with a musical prelude by Elmer Booze of the Music Division followed by a performance of Johannes Brahms' Liebeslieder Waltzes, from Op. 65, by the Copyright Chorale. Remarks were made by The Librarian of Congress, who, along with Deputy Librarian William J. Welsh, made the presentations.

Donald H. Smith of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped narrated the presentation ceremony, and Sherry Shapiro from the Library Services Division interpreted for the deaf. A reception in the Great Hall followed the ceremony.

Length of Service

Library of Congress employees are awarded service emblems in recognition and appreciation of faithful service to the Library and the citizens of the United States.

35 Years

Ruth W. Evans
Acquisitions and Processing Division
Copyright Office

Eula C. Kenely
Office of Senior Specialists
Congressional Research Service

Francis T. Marsden, Jr.
Cataloging Distribution Service
Processing Services

Suggestion Award

An award for an idea submitted by an employee and adopted by the Library.

Joy C. Mansfield
Acquisitions and Processing Division
Copyright Office

Group Award
Acquisitions and Processing Division
Copyright Office
Paula R. Bowders Randy A. Myers

Special Achievement Award

For performance substantially exceeding job requirements, either as a one-time occurrence or sustained performance, exceeding normal requirements in one or more important job elements. Special achievement awards may also be given for special acts or services in the public interest, connected with, or related to, official employment.

Patricia T. Barber
Louis H. Berube
Bettye B. Blakeney
Charles V. Brown, Jr.
Carolyn E. Castle
E. Gayle Cole
Leroy Foley
Eleanor H. Friedman
Minos Georgarakis
Diana M. Hadzi-Antich
Philip M. Hall
Sarah D. Irvine
William F. Jebram
Jo Anne Kinnaly
Evelyn W. McCleaf
Mamie Earlene Muse
Richard F. Shaw
Joanne B. Simmons
Rosa L. Smith
Betty J. Thompson
Christine M. Werner

Group Award
Automated Systems Office
Office of the Associate Librarian for Management
William L. Fitzpatrick David M. Foulkes
James A. Mihovetz

Group Award
Information and Reference Division
Copyright Office
Anita T. Basilio
Robin Bass
Gwenevere Bryant
Franchesca M. Hebron
Angela Gay Jones
Nathan Lamont Moore
Mary R. L. Parker
Sherry A. Robinson

Group Award
MARC Editorial Division
Processing Services
Yvonne I. Carter
James R. Dyson
Lorraine Holcombe
Verna B. S. Kolen
Odessa S. Phillips
Marie F. Trogler
Eleazer Z. Watson
Shirley R. Williams

Meritorious Service Award

For contributions of benefit to the Library, or through the Library to other libraries, agencies, or

institutions, or for acts or services that merit recognition within the Library.

Linda K. Bartley	Paula L. Kenney
Tin Shue Chin	Cheryl A. Moore
Erica Jones Countiss	Harriet Ostroff
Eunice S. Gupta	Nancy S. Robinson
Patricia A. Hense	Elizabeth A. Severns
James H. Hutson	E. Gene Smith
Mirdza A. Igals	Billy M. Tyler

Group Award
Main Files Study Group
Congressional Research Service

Rozanne M. Barry	Marjorie L. O'Hair
Vanessa A. Cieslak	Sherry B. Shapiro
Janice M. Haines	Kristin M. Vajs

Charles Winston Woodland

Group Award
Serial Record Division
Processing Services

James V. Green	Michael A. Gregus

Superior Service Award

For contributions of considerable benefit to the Library, or through the Library to other libraries, agencies, or institutions; or for acts or services that deserve special recognition because of their benefit to individuals, to the Library, or through the Library to other libraries, institutions, or government agencies.

Michael R. Brehmer
Recruitment and Placement Office
Office of the Associate Librarian for Management

Ann Costakis
Office of the Director for Area Studies
Research Services

Sara R. Cytron
Recruitment and Placement Office
Office of the Associate Librarian for Management

Mark A. Lillis
Office of the Associate Register of Copyrights
Copyright Office

Bryon R. Mudge
Federal Research Division
Research Services

Distinguished Service Award

For contributions of great significance or exceptional value to the Library, or through the Library to other libraries, government agencies, or institutions in the Nation or the world; or for special acts or services of great value to individuals, the Library, or through the Library to other government agencies, or institutions, or through the Library to the Nation.

George K. Brite
Economics Division
Congressional Research Service

Franklin Pierce Huddle (posthumous)
Office of Senior Specialists
Congressional Research Service

Mary C. Lethbridge
Information Office
Office of the Associate Librarian for National Programs

The Fourth of July will be observed as a holiday on Friday, July 3. The Congressional, European, Law Library, Local History and Genealogy, Main, Microform, Newspaper and Current Periodical, Science, and Thomas Jefferson Reading Rooms will be open on July 3 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. On Saturday, July 4, all offices, reading rooms, and study facilities will be closed. The Library will provide its usual Sunday service on July 5. Exhibition halls in the Thomas Jefferson and James Madison Memorial Buildings will be open on July 3, 4, and 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (not until 6 p.m. as is usually the case).

Sixteen Receive 10-Year Pins

During May, 16 staff members received Federal Service Award pins after completing 10 years of Government service.

Robert L. Aarons	Shared Cataloging Division
Doris A. Arnold	Catalog Publication Division
Raymond C. Aylor	Catalog Publication Division
Patricia A. Benson	Cataloging Division
Barbara J. Brooks	Examining Division
Sarah Collins	Government Division
Anthony Duncan	Collections Management Division
Cornelia O. Goode	Subject Cataloging Division

David C. Huckabee	Government Division
Harry Steven Hughes	Environment and Natural Resources Policy Division
Edward Jefferies	Library Services Division
Evelyn O'Neal	Cataloging Division
Linda Sue Smith	Library Environment Resources Office
Beatrice Stackhouse	Catalog Management Division
Ralph L. Warren	Buildings Management Division
Christine M. Zamaria	Catalog Publication Division

Staff Activities

Henriette Avram and **Sally McCallum** of Processing Services are coauthors of an article, "Electronics and Cataloging, Twenty Years Later," that appears in the January/March issue of *International Cataloging*. The article reflects on a paper entitled "How Will Electronic Information Systems Affect Cataloging Rules" by C. D. Gull that was presented in 1961 at the International Conference on Cataloguing Principles in Paris. That paper and an earlier one by the same author are discussed in relation to the actual developments in library automation and technology that have taken place in the last two decades.

Erik Barnouw's book, *The Magician and the Cinema*, was chosen by the *Film Library Quarterly* staff as the "Most Innovative in Research and Scholarship" in selecting significant film books published since 1980. The magazine's editor, William Sloan, writes of Mr. Barnouw, "as usual, he writes with the concentrated brilliance that is the hallmark of his critical writing." The book was published by Oxford University Press this month. Mr. Barnouw is the chief of the Motion Picture, Broadcasting and Recorded Sound Division.

Karen F. Beall, curator of fine prints, Prints and Photographs Division, was the juror for the 15th Dulin National Print and Drawing Competition held in Knoxville, Tenn., on May 15. The Dulin Gallery of Art occupies a John Russell Pope house and sponsors approximately nine different kinds of exhibitions each year, one of which is the print and drawing show. Approximately 500 works were submitted for jurying, from which roughly 50 were selected for inclusion in the exhibition and eight received purchase prizes.

Kay Brodney, head of the Life Sciences Section, Subject Cataloging Division, was the subject of an article appearing in the May 18 issue of *Sports Illustrated*. The account dealt with a 500-mile fishing expedition through the Amazonian jungle. Ms. Brodney has traveled to a number of remote areas around the world on fishing trips and is considered to be an authority on fly-fishing. She was also interviewed on the WJLA television show "Good Morning, Washington" on May 14 on the subject of the Washington Fishing Derby.

Richard H. Evensen, project coordinator, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS/BPH), participated in a workshop on library services available to handicapped persons at Queens College, Flushing, N.Y., on March 31. The seminar emphasized technological developments. Mr. Evensen gave a talk on the NLS/BPH research and development programs with brief descriptions of the combination talking book machine, compressed speech, voice indexing, cassette braille, and compositor-tape production of braille materials.

Other participants in the workshop discussed changes in library buildings and furniture to facilitate use by handicapped persons, the philosophy and requirements of Federal regulations with respect to services to handicapped persons, and sources of information about such services. The 50 workshop participants included librarians, library school educators, and representatives from Federal, state, and private agencies and organizations for handicapped persons.

Deanna Hammond, head, Language Services Section in the Office of Assignment, Reference, and Special Services, CRS, has been named to the Executive Committee of the Council of Communication Societies (CCS), an organization of 27 member societies that have a total membership of 275,000. For the past two years, Dr. Hammond has been the American Translators Association representative to the CCS Board of Directors. She is also a member of its Government Relations Committee and will be the Executive Committee liaison to the Publications Committee.

Former field director **Jerry James** and New Delhi field director **E. Gene Smith,** Overseas Operations Division, were interviewed by Manu Sahi for an article which appeared in the March issue of *SPAN* magazine. Mr. James and Mr. Smith answered questions concerning Indian collections in the United States.

On May 13-15, **David H. Kraus,** acting chief, European Division, visited the University of Minnesota at

the invitation of the University of Minnesota Libraries. He delivered a public lecture on "The Library of Congress—A National Resource for West European Studies," in which he discussed the Library's acquisition, processing, and public servicing of West European materials with librarians and academic studies faculty members. Later, he was briefed on the corresponding operations at the University of Minnesota.

James K. Lin, chinese cataloger in the Asian Materials Section, Subject Cataloging Division, was awarded the degree of doctor of philosophy (in languages) by Georgetown University on December 23. The title of Mr. Lin's dissertation was *The Versification of Chin T'i Shih.*

Ivan Sipkov, chief, European Law Division, attended the Eighth Course on Law Librarianship entitled "Australia and South Pacific Law: Structure and Legal Materials," held under the auspices of the International Association of Law Libraries from May 10 to 15 in Sydney and Canberra, Australia. Dr. Sipkov is second vice president of the association and section editor of its *International Journal of Law Libraries.* At a meeting of the Board of Directors, he submitted a proposal for the Ninth Course on Law Librarianship.

Trellis Wright, resources development specialist in the Congressional Reference Division, has been elected to a three-year term on the Board of Directors of the Young Women's Christian Association (Y.W.C.A.) of the national capital area. The Y.W.C.A. is a worldwide voluntary membership movement uniting women of diverse backgrounds and ages to address societal conditions affecting women and Third World persons.

Personnel Changes

Appointment: Stephen Katich, legal specialist, GS-12, LL Eur, 10085.

Temporary Appointments: Barbara Coplan, clerk, GS-3, CRS C, NP; Shirley Douts, reference clerk, GS-3, CRS EPW, NP; Garry Gray, reading room assistant, GS-5, GRR, NP; Lucy Long, media clerk, GS-3, AFC, NP; Deborah Striner, file clerk, GS-2, Exh, NP; Mirlande Tadal, paralegal assistant, GS-5, Pers, NP; Ross Taylor, clerical assistant, GS-3, G&M, 10095.

Reappointment: Donna Loard, research assistant, GS-5, FRD, 10084.

Temporary Reappointments: Sherrita Gary, secretarial assistant, GS-4, CS, NP; Robbyn Kemp, certificate production clerk, GS-3, Cop Rec Mgmt, NP; Marilyn Stepherson, reference assistant, GS-5, CRS A, NP; Joanne Zich, reference specialist (political science), GS-12, GRR, NP.

Promotions: Michelle Cheers, to clerk-typist, GS-4, Cop Acq & Proc, 10136; Albin Collins, to senior research analyst, GS-12, FRD, 10061; Serge Demidenko, Cop Acq & Proc, to research assistant, GS-5, FRD, 10084; Brenda Goodalle, to monographic acquisitions specialist, GS-9, Ord, 10040; Nancy Hickman, to clerk-typist, GS-4, Cop Acq & Proc, 10136; Lowon King, to quality assurance technician (duplicating material), GS-6, NLS/BPH, 10153; Johnathan Tetzlaff, CRS F, to research analyst, GS-9, FRD, 00394; Cheryl Walker, Cat Publ, to research assistant, GS-5, FRD, 00549; Sharlene Williams, E&G, to secretary (typing), GS-5, Res, 10129.

Transfers: Pirkko Johnes, Cop Acq & Proc, to research assistant, GS-5, FRD, 10084; Wanda Thomas, CRS SPR, to research assistant, GS-5, FRD, 10084.

Resignations: Orlando Carter, Photodup; Cheryl Church, Col Mgmt; Golnar duChateau, Photodup; Mary Fitzpatrick, Cop Exam; Catherine Hall, Ser; Lida Junghans, Inf; Terry Lassar, CRS AIS; Carol Leisenring, CRS E; Judith Mistichelli, GRR; Mark Wilson, FRD.

Future issues of the *LCPA Newsletter*, issued by the Library of Congress Professional Association, will be available on tape cassette for distribution to visually impaired persons. The association has arranged to have these cassettes circulated in the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Staff members in other building locations who wish to be included on a routing list for this service should contact Gary Huggens, National Serials Data Program Section (LM 509), on ext. 76452.

Substantial local histories containing footnotes, bibliographies, and indexes

Substantial works in the humanities, social sciences, and the behavioral, natural and physical sciences not given a higher priority

Substantial works in the following categories (in the case of foreign publications preferably those relating to the country of origin as a whole):

- International law
- Music, including libretttos
- Guides to major library collections not given higher priority
- Children's books selected for their quality
- Folklore

Low Need/Research Value

Privately printed works in English (foreign works, especially from developing countries, may in some cases require higher priority)

College level textbooks, unless given a higher priority due to the research value of the subject matter and content

Foreign secondary level textbooks selected for the collections as having particular research value

- Local government publications not given a higher priority
- Anthologies
- Popular instructional and devotional publications
- Unrevised reprints, if acquired
- Facsimile editions not including new materials
- Children's books not given a higher priority
- Sports and recreation
- Applied arts and crafts
- Local histories not given higher priorities
- Popularizations in all subject fields

All other materials selected for addition to the collections but not given higher priorities

Recently Acquired Hispanic Journals Are Described

Revista Chicano-Riqueña, a quarterly devoted to art and fiction produced in the United States by Chicanos, Puerto Ricans, and other *Latinos,* is a recent acquisition of the Library of Congress. It offers prize-winning short fiction and poetry as well as interviews, literary and art criticism, book reviews, and essays. It is illustrated with examples of original art. Now in its eighth year of publication, *Revista Chicano-Riqueña* also assesses the work of major Chicanos and *Latino* scholars and cultural figures such as Américo Paredes (summer 1980). The editor is Nicolás Kanellos, University of Houston, Central Campus, Houston, Tex. 77004.

Letterature d'America: rivista trimestrale, which first appeared in the winter of 1980, is published by the Department of Philosophy and Letters, University of Rome. The first three issues were devoted to Spanish-American, North American, and Brazilian literature. The fourth number contained articles on the literature and culture of the entire hemisphere. Forthcoming issues will deal with Caribbean and French Canadian literature. The purpose of the quarterly is to disseminate in Europe information on New World literature and culture. Although most of the articles are in Italian, abstracts are provided in Spanish and English. The editor is Dario Puccini, Editore Mario Bulzoni, Via dei Liburni 14, 00185 Rome, Italy.

In the fall of 1980, the Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana, Mexico City, began to issue *Casa del Tiempo,* a quarterly on contemporary literature, art, and culture of Mexico and Latin America. The first two issues contained original poetry and essays by major Latin American poets, articles on literary and art criticism, and New World appraisals of North American and European cultural trends. The Mexican poet and novelist, Carlos Montemayor, is the editor, and the address of the journal is Medellín 28, Colonia Roma, México 7, D.F.

Another Latin American journal that began publication last fall is *Letras de Buenos Aires.* Two numbers have been issued to date, presenting original short fiction, essays, and poetry by major Hispanic and Iberian cultural figures. Special sections in these issues also evaluated the work of Victoria Ocampo, the recently deceased grande dame of Argentine letters, and of Octavio Paz, one of the most important poets of 20th-century Latin America. *Letras de Buenos Aires* is a quarterly edited by novelist Victoria Pueyrredón. The address is Tagle 2572, 6 Piso "D," 1425 Buenos Aires, Argentina.

A third cultural and literary periodical that appeared last fall is the *Hispanic Journal,* published biennially by the Department of Foreign Languages, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana, Pa. 15705. It includes works dedicated to literary criticism, linguistics, and Hispanic thought and culture. The journal covers the culture of the Iberian Peninsula and the Caribbean, and minority literatures within these areas.

All these journals can be consulted in the Library's Newspaper and Current Periodical Reading Room (LA 1026). [*Georgette M. Dorn*]

Reports Offered on Four Meetings

Conference in Malagasy Recounted

The Unité d'Enseignement et de Recherche d'His-

toire, Etablissement d'Enseignement Supérieur des Lettres, Université de Madagascar, sponsored an international colloquium on the theme "Histoire et civilisation du nord-ouest malgache" at Mahajanga (formerly Majunga) on April 13-18. The conference, the second in a series, was held at the campus of the new Centre Universitaire Regional de Mahajanga and attracted about 100 participants, including several from abroad. There were two participants from Réunion, but none from metropolitan France, though French malgachistes resident in Madagascar were represented. U.S. participants were Raymond Kent, University of California; Gillian Feeley-Harnik, Williams College; and James Armstrong, Library of Congress.

Over 35 papers were presented, many representing significant contributions to Malagasy historiography. Of particular interest were several papers relating to Malagasy slavery. Lively discussions accompanied the colloquium presentations.

A highlight of the colloquium was an excursion to the once famous and now forgotten 17th-century port once known as Mazalagem Nova, today called Antsoheribory. This visit, made by sea, served as a vibrant introduction to a paper on Madagascar and its 17th-century slave trade presented by this reporter.

Publication of the proceedings is planned. The proceedings of the first colloquium in the series, "Histoire et civilisation du sud et de l'ouest malgaches," held at Toliara in April 1979, are now in press. *[James C. Armstrong]*

Z39 Committee Meets at Library

American National Standards Committee Z39 (Library and Information Sciences and Related Publishing Practices), chaired by James L. Wood, held its annual meeting at the Library of Congress on April 30. Election results were announced; scheduled to take office on July 1 are Patricia W. Berger, chief, National Bureau of Standards Library and Information Services Division, as chair, and Margaret K. Park, manager, University of Georgia Information Services Computer Center, vice chair/chair-elect, both for two-year terms. Newly elected to the Executive Council are Linda K. Bartley, head of the National Serials Data Program, Library of Congress, for a three-year term, and Larry X. Besant, assistant director, Ohio State University Libraries, for a one-year term, both representing libraries; James E. Rush, president, James E. Rush Associates, for a three-year term, and M. Lynne Neufeld, executive director, National Federation of Abstracting and Indexing Services, for a one-year term, representing information services; and Karl F. Heumann, director of publications, Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology, for a three-year term, and Seldon W. Terrant, head, research and development, Books and Journals Division, American Chemical Society, for a one-year term, representing publishing. Members who will continue to serve on the council through June 30, 1983, are Carol A. Nemeyer, Associate Librarian for National Programs, Library of Congress; W. Theodore Brandhorst, director, ERIC Reference and Processing Facility; and Sandra K. Paul, president, SKP Associates.

Robert W. Frase, Z39 executive director, reported on the plenary session of Technical Committee 46 (Documentation) of the International Standards Organization (ISO) held in Nanjing, China, on March 30-April 3. This was the first meeting of an ISO technical committee held in the People's Republic of China since the China Association of Standardization joined ISO. Thirteen countries were represented. Several subcommittees completed action on ISO draft proposals and draft international standards, including the approval for publication of a second edition of ISO 2709, Format for Bibliographic Information Interchange on Magnetic Tape, which corresponds to ANSI Z39.2-1979, Bibliographic Information Interchange on Magnetic Tape. Two other Z39 standards will form the basis for the development of new international standards: Z39.20-1974, Criteria for Price Indexes for Library Materials (now under revision), and Z39.34-1977, Synoptics. The next plenary session of ISO/TC 46 will be held in Vienna, Austria, in 1983.

Z39 currently has 59 voting members: the three national libraries, two Federal libraries, eight other Federal agencies, 10 library associations, six library networks, seven publishing, printing, and editorial associations, four business firms, and 19 varied nonprofit organizations in the fields of information services, abstracting, and indexing. There are 36 nonvoting members.

The Executive Council appointed the committee's first honorary members for their contributions to national or international standards development. They are Jerrold Orne, chair of Z39 from 1965 to 1978, and Anne Richter, vice chair or chair of various subcommittees while she was with the R. R. Bowker Co.

Four new or revised standards have been published or approved for publication (bringing the total of approved or published standards to 37). Z39.19-1980, Guidelines for Thesaurus Structure, Construction and Use (revision) has been published. Approved for publication were Z39.22-1981, Proof Corrections (revision); Z39.26-1981, Advertising of

Micropublications (revision); and Z39.32-1981, Information on Microfiche Headings.

Z39 is also planning a program meeting on "Technical Standards: The Good, the Bad, and the Missing" to be held at the ALA Annual Conference in San Francisco under the auspices of the Technical Standards for Library Automation Committee. The meeting will take place on June 30 from 2 to 5:30 p.m.

A new edition of the informational brochure on Z39 has been printed and is available in single or multiple copies from ANSC Z39, Administration Building, Room E106, U.S. Department of Commerce, National Bureau of Standards, Washington, D.C. 20234. The brochure contains an index to all Z39 published standards.

Two new subcommittees have been established since the 1980 annual meeting of Z39. Subcommittee Q is handling the revision of Z39.1-1977, Periodicals: Format and Arrangement, the oldest Z39 standard, which has undergone several revisions and expansions. Seldon W. Terrant is chairing the subcommittee. Subcommittee R, chaired by Paul N. Banks, director of Conservation and Preservation Administrator Programs, School of Library Service, Columbia University, will consider the subject of environmental conditions for storage of paper-based library holdings. A number of other Z39 subcommittees also made reports at the annual meeting.

The 1982 annual meeting will be held at the Library of Congress in late April or early May.

CNLIA Holds Semiannual Meeting

The semiannual meeting of the Council of National Library and Information Associations (CNLIA) was held at the Williams Club in New York City on Friday, May 8. During the following weekend, a staff leadership development program was held under the sponsorship of the Special Libraries Association to assist officers of library associations in carrying out their leadership responsibilities in the most effective manner.

The Committee on Specialized Cataloging is advising the Library of Congress in the preparation of manuals for cataloging of special materials. Donald Seibert of Syracuse University, who had chaired this committee from its creation and who had been the driving force behind its organization, asked to be relieved of his duties because of other urgent commitments. Margaret Axtman of the National Conference of State Courts, Williamsburg, Va., was appointed in his place. The American National Standards Committee Z39 on Library, Information Science, and Publishing Standards for which CNLIA serves as secretariat, has been placed on a new financial basis as the participating bodies are contributing to its upkeep according to their ability to pay, as funding from the National Science Foundation and the Council on Library Resources, Inc., has ceased.

The program dealt with the financial problems of libraries, large and small. Carol C. Henderson, deputy director of the ALA Washington office, spoke on "Federal Funding: Problems and Prospects." Although retrenchment in all programs funded by the Federal Government is inevitable, libraries have many friends in Congress on both sides of the aisle, so that some of the effects might be mitigated. "Private, Corporate, and Foundation Funding" was the topic of Ana Loud Jones, vice president for development and public relations, New York Public Library. Libraries and other cultural institutions must compete with all other needs for all available funds and must continuously widen the public from which they draw their support, she observed.

John T. Corrigan of the Catholic Library Association is the incoming chair of CNLIA.

Theodore Wiener, Judaica cataloger, Subject Cataloging Division, Library of Congress, attended as councillor for the Association of Jewish Libraries. [*Theodore Wiener*]

Manuscript Society Convenes in Boston

Approximately 110 members of the Manuscript Society attended its 1981 annual meeting in Boston, Mass., on May 20-23. Collectors, dealers, and curators from the United States, Canada, France, and the United Kingdom were present. A trustees meeting and dinner was held on May 20 concurrently with a reception for members at the Parker House. The trustees voted in favor of the society joining the efforts of the Coalition to Save our Documentary Heritage, an ad hoc group of institutions recently organized to support the continued Federal funding of the various major letterpress publication projects now sponsored by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.

On May 21, members took part in a trip through various seaport towns to Salem. At the Peabody Museum, director Peter Fetcho welcomed the delegates before the society's annual business meeting. New officers elected included George Vogt, Arlington, Va., vice president (term ending 1984); and trustees (also ending 1984) Robert Batchelder, Ambler, Pa.; Steve Barnett, Provo, Utah; Stephen Bumball, Rahway, N.J.; Joseph Culbertson, McLean, Va.; Herbert Finch, Ithaca, N.Y.; James Lowe, New York, N.Y.; M. Wesley Marans, Boston, Mass.; and Murray Smith, Beverly Hills, Calif. Canadian archivist Robert Gordon of Ottawa presided over the

first awards ceremony in the society's history: Herbert Klingelhofer, Bethesda, Md., and the late Gordon T. Banks, Boston, were named Fellows of the Society. Audrey Arellanes, Pasadena, Calif., was given the first Award of Distinction for her services as executive secretary.

After viewing the numerous marine exhibits at the Peabody Museum, the members proceeded to the Essex Institute to see its many exhibits and nearby historic houses. The group then left Salem for Castle Hill, Ipswich, where a lobster and clambake was held on the grounds of the Crane family mansion overlooking Cape Ann and the Atlantic Ocean.

On May 22, the society's members enjoyed a private viewing of the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum. Director Rollin van N. Hadly made introductory remarks on Mrs. Gardner's manuscript, furniture, painting, statuary, tapestry, drawing and other collecting activities before an informal viewing of that museum's extraordinary holdings. Proceeding to Boston University, the members were addressed briefly by Howard Gottlieb, director of special collections, on the growth of the university's manuscript collections since 1962. His remarks were followed by a panel on "What You Can Afford to Collect," with participants dealer Kenneth Rendell, curator Gottlieb, and collector Herbert Klingelhofer, followed by a special tour of the Mugar Library, where the group saw the rich Paul C. Richards collection of American and European historical autographs; the Bette Davis, Martin Luther King, Dan Rather, and Alec Waugh manuscript collections; and a group of 19th- and 20th-century musical scores, programs, opera house plats, and other musical memorabilia.

On May 23, the last full day of the annual meeting, the members journeyed to the Henry Wadsworth Longfellow House in Cambridge for special tours arranged by member Frank O. Buda. At the Houghton Library, Harvard University, the group was welcomed by director William H. Bond and toured its many outstanding manuscript collections. Members also visited the John F. Kennedy Library to see that repository. At the Boston Athenaeum, M. Wesley Marans presented a slide-illustrated talk on "How I Built the World's Best Collection of Autographed Photos and the Market Today," complemented by a specially mounted exhibit of part of his collection. This was followed by a reception offered by the director and staff of the Athenaeum. The final event of the day was the annual banquet and benefit auction of manuscript material in the ballroom of the Parker House Hotel.

The 1982 annual meeting will be held in Williamsburg, Va.; the 1983 one in San Francisco, Calif.; and New York City will be the site of the 1984 meeting. [*Paul G. Sifton*]

Library of Congress Publications

New Publications

Children's Books 1980. ISBN 0069-3464. Washington, D.C., 1981. (15 p.) Compiled by a committee under the direction of Virginia Haviland, chief, Library of Congress Children's Literature Center, this publication is a selective list of books published in 1980 for preschool through junior high school age. For sale from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20420, for $1.50, or in person only at the Information Counter, ground floor, Library of Congress Thomas Jefferson Building.

Japanese National Government Publications in the Library of Congress: A Bibliography. ISBN 0-8444-0326-1. Washington, D.C., 1981. (x, 402 p.) Compiled by Thaddeus Y. Ohta, Japanese Section, Asian Division. For sale for $13 from the Superintendent of Documents (Stock No. 030-001-00097-4), or in person only from the Information Counter.

Ongoing Publications

Accessions List: Southeast Asia. ISSN 0096-2341. Vol. 7, No. 4. April 1981. Continuing subscriptions free to libraries upon request to the Field Director, Library of Congress Office, American Embassy, New Delhi, India.

New Serial Titles: A Union List of Serials Held by Libraries in the United States and Canada. ISSN 0028-6680. January-March 1981. (128 p.) For sale by Cataloging Distribution Service, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20541, at $235 for the 1981 subscription year, which consists of eight monthly, four quarterly issues, and an annual cumulation.

The Quarterly Journal of the Library of Congress. ISSN 0041-7939. Vol. 38, No. 2. Spring 1981. For sale for $2.25 the single issue from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, or in person only from the Information Counter, ground floor, Library of Congress Thomas Jefferson Building. Annual subscriptions to the *Quarterly Journal* are ordered from the Superintendent of Documents for $9 ($2.25 additional for foreign mailing).

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